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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002 having a three-month statutory period for response set to expire on September 18, 2002. A Petition for a two-month extension of time has been filed concurrently herewith, extending the period for response to November 18, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

AI --FIG. 6 illustrates a +270° curvature in the distal section 30 effected by retraction of both push-pull wires 54 and 56, and FIG. 7 illustrates a +270° curvature in the distal section 30 effected by retraction of only curve deflection push-pull wire 54. In this way, the distal electrode 12 is positioned at -90° to the proximal section 22, which is a useful orientation for ablating or mapping the heart wall at the caval-tricuspid isthmus or sites under in the ventricles the mitral or tricuspid valve flaps. --